

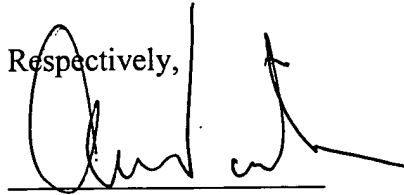
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Many oxidizers, both solid and liquid, have been used in propellant formulations. The most widely used oxidizers used in liquid or gelled propellants are nitrogen tetroxide (N_2O_4) and Inhibited Red Fuming Nitric Acid (IRFNA). The systems employing these oxidizers, that are subject to recycling or stored oxidizers, that are no longer needed, have placed requirements for converting these oxidizers to either concentrated nitric acid or to dilute nitric acid. Applicant's process includes a process to remove, if required, the inhibitors commonly used IRFNA. The requirement to remove the inhibitors relates to the end use of the nitric acid. Applicant's process encompasses both removing or not removing the commonly used inhibitors from IRFNA.

Applicant and his undersigned representative are not aware of prior art that teaches the process to remove all of the normal inhibitors (if required) that have been used in IRFNA. Applicant and his undersigned representative are not aware of any process, which provides nitric acid free of contaminants, which are undesirable when using the nitric acid in reaction to produce other products. Neither applicant nor his undersigned representative are aware of any other information which, in their opinion, is material to patentability and which is not cumulative to information already of record, if any, in the application and which further establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim.

Respectively,



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